

PREPARING MY OUTING · CHECKLIST

Boat checklist

The checks to do before every departure, from the engine to the deck. Print it and tick as you go.

Engine

Safety

Deck

Electronics

The essentials

Check first

- ☐ The engine starts and pumps out cooling water
- ☐ Batteries charged
- ☐ Sail plan – reefing
- ☐ Life jackets
- ☐ VHF
- ☐ Instruments – draught and calibration

Chart table and papers

- ☐ Registration papers, logbook, contract, delivery, charter
- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Boat identification plate
- ☐ Internal boat maintenance checklist
- ☐ Departure notice
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Cras plotter (Breton plotter)
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ COLREG
- ☐ Logbook
- ☐ Nautical charts
- ☐ Hand-bearing compass
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Fixed VHF (working), MMSI number

Engine

- ☐ Oil level
- ☐ Cooling circuit
- ☐ General cleanliness (leaks)
- ☐ Alarm
- ☐ Exhaust (colour)
- ☐ Pressure (depending on engine type)
- ☐ Belt (tension)
- ☐ Alternator
- ☐ Alternator charging circuit
- ☐ Engine compartment port for extinguisher
- ☐ Stern gland

- ☐ Handheld VHF (working, charger)
- ☐ Buoyage summary sheet
- ☐ List of lights
- ☐ Marine weather forecast receiver
- ☐ Tide tables
- ☐ Flags (national, N, C, destination country)
- ☐ Navigation lights
- ☐ List of emergency phone numbers
- ☐ Passengers' ID documents (passport abroad)
- ☐ Individual medical form

Man overboard (MOB)

- ☐ Light (torches, spotlight, danbuoy)
- ☐ Means of getting a MOB back on board (and how)
- ☐ MOB locating device (flash light)

Repairs

- ☐ Toolbox
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Spare deck hardware
- ☐ Spare bulbs
- ☐ Fuses, etc.

Mooring

- ☐ Cleats
- ☐ Fairleads
- ☐ Fenders
- ☐ Mooring lines
- ☐ Towing lines
- ☐ Boat hook

Interior

- ☐ Fire extinguishers
- ☐ Rigging cutters
- ☐ Pliers for split pins
- ☐ Fog horn or bell
- ☐ Bilge pump
- ☐ Seacocks (inlet and outlet)
- ☐ Bungs for the seacocks
- ☐ Radar reflector
- ☐ Anchor ball and motoring cone
- ☐ Emergency tiller
- ☐ Steering (system)
- ☐ Signalling mirror
- ☐ 3 red hand flares
- ☐ 3 parachute rockets or VHF/DSC radio
- ☐ 2 floating smoke signals or VHF/DSC radio
- ☐ Bilges, floors, keel bolts
- ☐ Deck hatches and portholes closed
- ☐ Gear stowed (stable and secured)
- ☐ Fire blanket
- ☐ Electrical panel

Deck

- ☐ Life jackets or buoyancy aids
- ☐ Harnesses and tethers
- ☐ Hull
- ☐ Guardrails, pulpits, handrails, stanchions
- ☐ Jacklines and anchor points
- ☐ Self-righting light
- ☐ Horseshoe buoy
- ☐ Standing rigging (mast, shrouds, sails)
- ☐ Running rigging (halyards, sheets, reefing lines, boom, gooseneck)
- ☐ Deck hardware (winches, cleats, blocks, pole, winch handles)
- ☐ Cockpit hand pump
- ☐ 7 L bucket with line and bailer

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Mask and snorkel
- ☐ Fishing gear
- ☐ First-aid kit

- ☐ Life raft (lashing, painter attachment, access, service date) or tender
- ☐ Anchor line

Tanks

- ☐ Water
- ☐ Diesel
- ☐ Gas

Electronics

- ☐ Wind vane, anemometer
- ☐ Depth sounder
- ☐ Log
- ☐ Speedometer
- ☐ GPS
- ☐ Radar

Notes
